

Sir,

I am writing to object to the proposal for the Britaniacrest development near Horsham. The use of the current works is small scale and confined to local waste management. However, the scale of the proposed plant which is unthinkable in a countryside setting close to the market town, will be bringing in large amounts of waste from outside local areas and will put enormous strain on the traffic, roads, and the environment with the greater volumes of lorries coming to the site from across the country.

This is not an environmentally friendly solution to waste management for our local waste but a commercial money making concern for an overseas company that has profit at its core without regard to local concerns.. This monstrosity of a building will be a tower taller than the Statue of Liberty!!! That will spout its hazardous fumes on local and not so local residents. The plume height could range from 6m to over 400m from the top of the 95m stack. The sight of this stack and its plume at over 500m will have a visual impact from much further than suggested.

These visual impact forecasts are totally unacceptable. On top of that, it will be a major source of noise pollution at night and will have a negative visual impact from at least 15km. It is unreasonable that any commercial development of this large scale that will clearly have such an adverse impact on rural communities should be allowed to go ahead. No decision should even be considered without first reviewing the in-depth health study that has been commissioned by Public For England which is due Spring 2017. I believe a similar situation has occurred in France with disastrous results, and it would appear that the proposal is being rushed through to avoid considerations of the results of the study mentioned. Indeed many people are only just becoming aware of it, possibly as it is misleadingly referred to as a technology agnostic and not as an incinerator.

Strategic Objective 5: To make provision for a new transfer, recycling and treatment facilities as close as possible to where the waste arises.

The scale of this plant implies waste from outside the local area will be sought to maintain function. Encouraging commercial waste to be transferred over excessive distances and very likely across counties. The Current climate is to increase recycling with the result that there will be an insufficient supply to maintain function.

Strategic Objective 11: To protect and, where possible, enhance the natural and historic environment and resources of the County.

There is nothing to suggest that this large, ugly incinerator will enhance the local area in fact it will detract for 15km all round from areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Policy

W12: High Quality Developments. Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that they are of high quality and, where appropriate, the scale, form, and design (including landscaping) take into account the need to: (a) integrate with and, where possible, enhance adjoining land-uses..... (b) have regard to the local context including: (iii) the topography, landscape, townscape, streetscape and skyline of the surrounding area; (iv) views into and out of the site.

The Britaniacrest proposal does not meet the criteria set out above.

Policy W19: Public Health and Amenity. Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that: lighting, noise, dust, odours and other emissions are controlled to the extent that there will not be an unacceptable impact on public health and amenity.

The proposal will require aviation lighting as well as have a night time noise impact on the neighbouring communities creating light pollution for the area.

The proposal does nothing to hide the impact it will have on the rural countryside in which it will sit, being totally over powering and intrusive day and night as it sits high above the tree canopy height.

At an operational stage it is acknowledged in the application that at night with low ambient noise levels, the noise increase will be in the order of 6db at several locations.

There seems to be a lack of consideration for alternative means of transport. There is a rail system adjacent to the site. All consideration is via road transfer with its extra burden on the crowded road network and the resulting increase in air and noise pollution.

I live in Faygate and it is totally abhorrent to me that a building of such scale as this should be permitted on the Sussex countryside.

Yours Deborah Davidson